

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

WOLLONGONG RACES

TO-DAY (TUESDAY).

CHEAP TICKETS to Wollongong at SINGLE FARE return journey (minimum 2d first class and 1s second class) will be issued by stations and intermediate stations to all Trains leaving Sydney at 10.30 a.m., available for return by special, and ordinary trains until Wednesday, October 19.

SPECIAL TRAINS WILL RUN ABUNDANT.

Sydney dep. 10.30 Wollongong dep. 12.30

Kingsford 10.45 Hurstville 11.45

Banksia 11.00 Sydney 12.15

Wollongong 12.15

Special Trains will call at Kogarah and Hurstville, and, where required, at stations between Hurstville and Wollongong.

RACEHORSES WILL BE CONVEYED BY SPECIAL TRAINS.

NEWCASTLE RACES

OCTOBER 19 and 20.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) A FAIR SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Sydney for Newcastle at 1.15 p.m.; Strathfield at 10.30 a.m.; due Newcastle at 1.15 p.m.; Special Train will return from Newcastle at 4.00 p.m. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, arriving Sydney at 6.30 p.m.

RETURN FARES FROM SYDNEY AND STRATHFIELD BY SPECIAL TRAIN.—

FIRST CLASS, 2s, including admission to the Races, and Stand.

SECOND CLASS, 1s 1d, including admission to the Races and Legge Reserve.

The Combined Tickets will be available for return for four days, including day of issue.

ORDINARY TICKETS will not be available by the special train.

RAIL AND RIVER EXCURSIONS.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FOR THE HAWTHORPE RIVER.

TRAIN will leave Sydney at 8.30 a.m., and return at 5.00 p.m.

RETURN FARES FROM SYDNEY (including Stand, Boat, First-class, 2s 1d; Second-class, 1s 6d;

REFRESHMENTS can be obtained on board the steamer at reasonable rates.

FOR PARNKOWALE.

(George's River), V.I.A. CO. 100.

TRAIN will leave Sydney at 8.30 a.m., calling at all stations. Twenty-four miles by rail and 16 by steamer.

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By the order of the Commissioners.

H. MCLACHLAN, Secretary.

AMUSEMENTS.

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the State Governor and Lady Rawson, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

TO-MORROW EVENING (Wednesday), OCTOBER 18th, at 8 o'clock sharp, the CENTENARY HALL, GRAND ST., MANLEY, will open to-night to Mr. ALFRED EDWARD.

Splendid Programme by Leading Artists.

Reserve Seats, 5s; Galleries, 2s and 1s. All at PADINGTON (Mayor of Rockdale), President, W. C. JUNIOR, W. JOHNSON, Hon. Secy.; A. C. REED, Trustee.

MRS. MARY WUNDERLICH, CONCERT NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT, V.M.C.A. HALL.

Miss WUNDERLICH, English Mezzo-Soprano, will make her debut.

Mr. GEORGE GRIMM, the favourite Bass-Baritone, will make a pleasant re-entrance to the Sydney Concert Platform.

Messrs. F. Carter, Bryce Carter, G. E. Boyle, and B. Edward Sykes will be there.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

Prices, 4s, 2s, 1s. Play at Paling's.

H. N. SOUTHWELL, Manager.

PETERHAM TOWN HALL, BLDG.

TO-NIGHT CHURCH, 8.30 PM. 1904.

GRAND CONCERT.

Under the Patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress.

By Rev. N. H. NEVILLE, Musical Items by Miss Eliza Dwyer, Emily Marks, Eugenie Blaize, E. Cook, Messrs. Bill Sutcliffe, Mr. J. W. H. T. Thompson, Secretary.

PROGRAMMES PALING'S.

CYCLOPS M.A. The Glories of War and the Triumph of Peace, Choral Society and Band, under the Direction of Mr. George W. Williams, New Mills, England.

THE HUMAN SPHERE—Dramatic and Choral.

Under the Direction of Mr. L. Lightfoot.

TICKETS, 2s, 1s, 5s, can be obtained at the Hall, The Two Concert Grand Piano-hall, 1904.

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THE RUSSIAN DISASTER.

JAPANESE RAPIDLY APPROACHING MUKDEN.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON SUNDAY.

APPALLING SLAUGHTER—RUSSIANS LOSE 60,000.

EUROPAKATIN AMID A HAIL OF SHELLS.

CONSTERNATION AND ANGUISH IN RUSSIA.

BALTIK FLEET MAKES A DEMONSTRATION.

STEAMING ALONG THE DANISH COAST.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The correspondent of the "Standard" with the Japanese forces states that the retreat of the Russians from their disastrous attack on the Japanese positions north and east of Liao-yang has now developed into a rout along their whole front, except in the south-east, where the retreat of a strong body has been intercepted.

Heavy fighting took place 10 miles south-west of Mukden yesterday.

The Mukden correspondent of the "Temps" states that the Army Corps under General Ivanhoff has quitted Bu-tsia-pao-tee, 7 miles north of Yentai, and is making for Mukden and Fushan, 15 miles east of Mukden.

General Blidberg continues to fight north of the Sha-ho, 12 miles south of Mukden, in order to cover the retreat of the Russians across the Hun-ho.

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STORY OF RUSSIAN DEFEAT.

STUBBORN FIGHT AT SHA-HO.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN ACROSS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Petit Journal" (Paris) telegraphed that General Kropatkin reports that he is retreating in good order. The resistance of the Russians was magnificient, but they were compelled to yield to the fury of the Japanese artilleries.

Generals Reinenkampf and Meyendorff were captured. The corps of the latter in the Sha-ho (river) district suffered severely.

The Russians at Mukden claim to be able to extricate the retreating army from the grasp of the Japanese.

Field-Marshal Oyama reports that on Friday evening the Japanese column under Prince Kanin was on the left bank of the Ta-kou-ho, seven miles east of Pensi-si-hu.

RUSSIANS CENTRE BROKEN.

General Kropatkin explains that large forces of the enemy on the night of the 13th (Thursday) attacked the Russians on the left of the Sha-ho, 12 miles south of Mukden. Several attacks of the Japanese were repulsed, but the last attack broke the centre of the corps. The Russians were reinforced, and they captured Sha-ho-pu. The town was then recaptured by the Japanese, but another attack saw it once again under the Russian flag. Then owing to the position of the banks the Russian centre was withdrawn to a partially fortified position. "Despite fighting for four days, and the fact that most of the regiments have not rested for three nights, I am full of hope," General Kuro-patin adds, "that we will be able to continue a regular resistance." A considerable number of Japanese have crossed the railway west and east.

The Japanese on Friday night engaged three divisions of Russian reserves, who were under the command of General Kuro-patin.

Including those who fell in the fighting on Friday General Oku had 3500 casualties.

Field-Marshal Nodzu drove the Russians across the Sha-ho. He now holds the line of the river. Fierce fighting preceded the Russians crossing the river, especially in the vicinity of Ham-tsun, 15 miles north of Yentai.

BATTERIES BLAZING ON EVERY HILL.

The greatest artillery duel occurred on the 12th instant. Batteries were blazing from every hill. Russian and Japanese regiments almost incessantly poured into the plains, but were hurried back shattered.

The volume of heavy fire caused a storm of hail and torrential rain, and the roads were quagmires southwards of the Sha-ho on Friday.

The correspondent of the "Russ" (St. Petersburg) states that the front states that 2000 guns were concentrated on the Russian position at Sha-ho-pu, and they had accurate range.

Japanese equally with the Russians were forced temporarily to abandon their guns. The Russians momentarily left 12 guns on the field, but a devastating fire prevented the Russians from capturing them.

Czar FORBIDS RETIREMENT.

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prior to Friday. The Japanese Legation in London reported that 6000 Russian corpses had been found, exclusive of the Russians killed in the engagements fought by General Oku on Friday and Saturday.

At Tokio the Russian losses are now estimated at upwards of 40,000 killed and wounded.

Some estimates put the Russian casualties at 60,000.

The Japanese captured the colonel and 100 men of the Alexander III. Regiment. The Russian Red Cross organisation is unable to cope with the casualties.

TALES OF HEROISM.

HOW LOSSES OCCURRED.

There were many dramatic incidents of heroism on both sides.

The 27th Russian division, especially the first brigade, had extraordinary casualties. A company of the 14th Regiment was annihilated at San-kun-ha-shan.

The Third Siberian Reserve division, which at the outset of the war numbered 4000 men, was reduced by the battle of Liao-yang to 2500. It was reduced to Wednesday to 800 men. A captain commands a regiment, a sub-lieutenant commands a battalion, and first privates command companies.

Generals Smolensky and Rishalikin were killed in the fighting on the Sha-ho. The commanders of two Russian batteries were killed, and the commander of a third was wounded. The "Standard" declares that the retreat has developed into a rout, and that the Russians must have also lost tremen-

dously. It is not likely that they will concede what their actual losses have been.

The advantages were all in their favour; they were in the first place on the defensive, and were able to leave out of consideration the fact that their nation has never been defeated, thereby giving them a glorious tradition; throughout the present war they have swept on like a flood from point to point; their intelligence system is perfect; the officers understand their men; the whole campaign is eloquent of perfect pre-arranged strategy and tactics. On the other side men brave as lions have been reduced to mere skeletons under officers utterly out of sympathy with them, owing to the old officers having been superseded by the gilded youth of St. Petersburg. The system was essentially bad. Moreover, the officers' lists need thorough revision; there are too many veterans. The Russian officer is a fine fellow in many ways, but the horrors of war it would be hard to imagine that he could be equal to the Chinese soldier.

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COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

Has the Russian retreat degenerated into a rout? If Reuter's correspondent at Mukden has accurately pictured the flood of passion that has swept over the Russian army, the morale of the troops has in the apalling scenes of carnage been converted into a mental condition of hysterical despair that is pitiable.

The veteran General Meyendorff is also mentioned in to-day's paper.

The previous report as to the number of Russians captured by the Japanese on October 13th (Tuesday) amounts to 2000, and refers to the which we found in the quarter of our left army.

The enemy's dead left on the field at the front of our central army is estimated at 2500. Total Russian corps is now assumed to be 6500.

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